

RECORDS OF TOWN MEETINGS

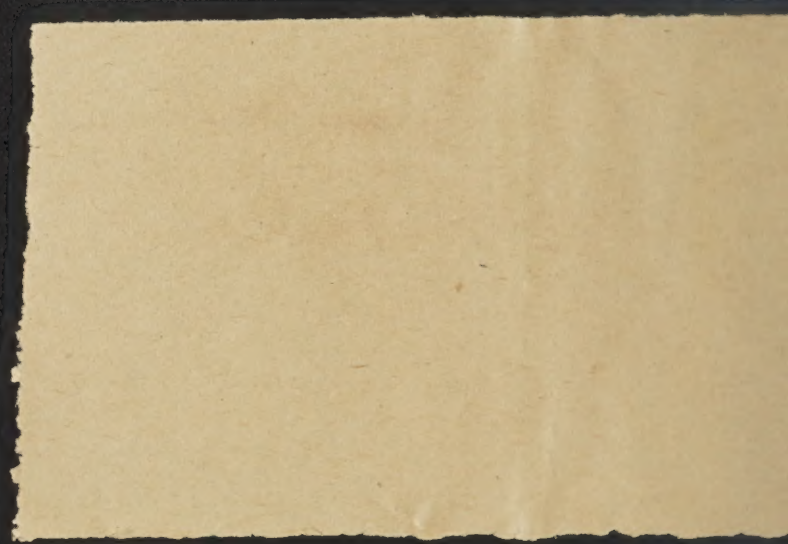
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Records of Town Meetings,

1783-1815





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Worcester } Southborough May 4. 25th 1768

To the Selectmen of said Town of Southborough in
said County of Worcester in Meeting

These are to Desire you to Call a Meeting of the freetholden
and other Inhabitants of said Town Who are Legally & actually
To vote in Town Meetings, to Assemble and Meet at the publick Meet-
ing house in said Town, on Monday the Sixth day of June Next
at one of the Clock in the after Noone of said Day, to act
on the following articles viz

- I.st To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
- 2^d To hear and Consider upon a Vote of the Court of Generall
Sessions of the peace held at Worcester in said County on the
Second Tuesday of May last Retating to the County Roads
Lately altered and Laid out a New from Mr. Isaac Johnsons
to the Top of Matthews Hill so called
- 3^d To see if the Town will agree upon and Grant a sum of money
to be Laid out in Digging Down Matthews Hill so called
and making a good road from the Top of said Hill to Spring
brook, and to Chuse some person or persons to see the work Effect-
ually Done, and to pass any other Legall Votes or Votes the said
Town shall Judge Reasonary and Convenient when Met in Order
That the work afore said may be Speedily and Effectually Done

Ephraim Ward
Amos Newton
Hizekiah Gray
Joshua Newton

Ezra Taylor
Edward Chandler
John Angers
John Witherb
Benj. Nixon
Thomas Good Rich
Jonas Ball
Nathan Brigham
William Brigham
John Lycom
Ezra Taylor Junr
Ezekiel Newton
John Drury
Abelom Ward

Petition of 18 persons
Dated May 25/1768

The committee appointed to Examine the acct of the Committee
for taking Care of Nathl Amos having Examined their acct.
and Vouchers and Report as follows —
viz. That sd Committee have rec^d. a Note of Joseph Braybrooke
of £30 ————— 30.0.0
They have pd in Goods and Chattels at Sundry Times ————— 22.10.0
And have Recovered Judgment & Execution for the Remainder & C^{ts}.
That m^r. Ball has produced acct. and Vouchers amounting to
£17.17.3 ————— £17.17.3
An account is raised to the amount of 5/ —————
m^r. Bridges has produced accounts & Vouchers
amounting to £3.8.3 ————— 3.8.3
his acct. is taken Down 2/ —————
m^r. Onthank has produced acct. & Vouchers to the amount
of £10.0.9 ————— 10.0.9
The four Dollars in Dispute between m^r. Bridges and
m^r. Onthank is put to m^r. Onthank's acct. and
Onthank's acct. is taken Down 13/ —————
There is Due to D^r. Montague ————— 1.1.4
To D^r. Parker ————— 0.11.4
Total £32.18.14

Jan. 27. 1723

Jam^s. Parker
Solomon Newton
Ezra Taylor } Committee

accepted
at March meeting

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Report of Com with

Southboro. Feb. 4 1786

Sir We your Constituents beg leave to Present you our minds
by way of Instruction. we Consider ourselves labouring under
many and great disadvantages on account of the Prodigious
Scarcity of hard money which is not by three quarters sufficient to con-
stitute a Circulating medium. Adequate to the Present Publick and
Private demands, and unless some measures are adopted by our Legisla-
ture to alleviate our distresses which do, and are still Increasing on
us we shall Inevitably sink under the burthen - it is therefore
~~the~~ minds of your Constituents that it will ^{be} and is adviseable in order to
our Relief and we think, the present situation of the whol Community
Call loudly upon you to Exert your selves as members of our Legisla-
tive body to Emit a certain sum of Paper money to the amount of
~~all~~ our Publick securities which are on Intrest, the Intrest of which
if Paid annully, will in our Opinion amount to near as much as all
the gold and Silver now Circulating in the Commonweith -

we likewise wish you to Use all your Influence in
Preventing the returne of that band of Miscreants Call'd refugees
to this state Viewing their return as Abnoxious to the Intrests
^{happiness and prosperity} of the Inhabitants of this Commonweith we take it we need not urge
this matter as you must feel the Importance of your Disapprobation
of the measure - - -

Yours truly

Samlr

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Dear
We your Committee in a letter of the 10th inst.
beg leave to offer to you our much respecting some important
things we understand are in agitation on the Legislative Department
of this Commonwealth. You being our Representative shall and so
confer in your judgment all light and duty to us you desire.

As we sensibly feel the present deficiency there is in our

(circulating money

with a view to the coinage of silver to coin both
the three shilling pieces and the six pence
and to settle the exchange of the pound in the same
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the three shilling pieces and the six pence

Col Ware
St Elizabeth's Hospital
St John's Hospital
St John's Hospital
St John's Hospital

to make report at the adjournment of this
meeting -

and I
Star Ball

At the 10th. Voted to adjourn the Courtables
not to adjourn in the first of October
for her taxes till the adjournment of the
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Southborough. Dec^r 24th 1787

At a Legal Town Meeting Began and held in Southborough
on the first Monday in March ^{Left.} being the 5th Day the following
Persons were Chosen Select Men for said Town viz
Elijah Brigham Nathan Bridges Jon^s Champey Mark Collier
Jun^r & Hizekiah Fay

and at a Legal Town Meeting Began and held in Southborough
on the 17th Day of Dec^r 1787 on the 5th article the Town after
hearing a Letter from Asahel Moore Confined at the
Mistropolis of Worcester ^{originally for Taxes} Com^d to the following
Vote to Leave the matter supputing said Moore to be
Conducted by them at their Discretion

A True Copy from the Records

Attest Benj^a Smith Town Clerk

You had spoke this
meeting & they knew
of the Committee Chosen for the purpose
of viewing the Laws on the bench &c
of the meeting house

Then voted to adjourn the Meeting
untill 4 O'clock next March
Meeting Day

Attest Elijah Brigham, M^d

Southborough January 11th 1788

The Town being Met according to the foregoing
Warrant Proceeded to act as follows viz
on m^t 1st Chose Mess^{rs} Mr Collier Jun^r & Moore

on m^t 2^d a Motion was Made to see if the Town would
Chuse a Committee to see if any Land could be Purchased
for a settlement for Mr Colton which vote

Passed in the affirmative here and afterwards Resolved
a Vote then being Put to see if the Town would
Comply with the Conditions of Mr Colton's answer which
Vote Passed in the Affirmative by a Majority of Eleven

then voted to make a Committee to purchase a
settlement for Mr. Cotton. to consist of five persons
then Joseph C. Ward Capt. Newton Nathan Briggs
and a Company Mark Collins Junr. and make
Report at the next Meeting

on ar. 3. voted that the appeal for the same
being, after the term in the several towns
of money granted and ordered to be appeal
on the poles and shute the 3rd of the
within the town of Southboro' by the
last invoice with such alterations as
shall be made to appear to the appeal
to be left and no alterations will be made
unless applied for within ten days from
this day

4th article Paper sent finally

then voted to adjourn this meeting to
Monday next at one o'clock then to meet at
this place Attest Mark Collins Junr.

To Jonas Ball and Daniel Johnson (inhabitants of South
 town or either of them) greeting ~~And the Town~~
~~Where~~ you are hereby required to Notify all the Persons
 here after named to appear at the House of the
 Horn Inhabited in said Town on Monday the 31st day
 of March Inst. at 8 o'clock P. M. In order to Take the
 oath or oaths required by Law, ~~in order~~ to Qualify
 them for their respective trust and office as the
 Justice was at that time when the oaths was administered
 & if qualified ~~by~~ ^{and} the mistake did not know it, but he
 is now qualified for that purpose.

Saml Hudson Jun^r
 Ezekiel Collins
 Josiah Gray
 Nathan Gray
 Elisha Bemis
 Benzer Richards

Mark Collins Jun^r
 Solomon Newton
 George Brigham
 Phineas Bemis
 William Brigham
 Elisha Gray

You will make return of this obligation with
 your ^{then on} ~~corrupt~~ set or before the time prefixed as above
 Southboro March 27th 1798.

By order of the Selectmen W^m Montague Clerk

14 art^l

Respecting Charles R Burnell's Road paid in the
 Negative,

Voted to accept of the report of the Selectmen which
 was ~~not~~ that it was not expedient to lay out a Road
 from the Road ^{formerly laid out by the Selectmen} leading from William Williams to John
 Richards, across Bay Elisha Bemis to Hopkinton, &c.
 Then Voted to Dissolve this meeting
 Attest Elisha Brigham Moderator

Southtown March 31 1788 I have notified all
the within named persons to appear at time and
place as within Directed -
Daniel Johnson
Constable
for Southtown

To Daniel Johnson
Constable
for Southtown.

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Southboro Aug 4th 1789

The Town Met agreeable to the warrant and
proceeded to act as follows viz -
on art 1st Wm Cole of Elijah Brigham Moderator -
on art 2^d Voted to pass over this article for the present
on art 3 Voted to send Abraham Newton to the
Lowest Bidder for his support for three Months Expence
unless sooner Discharged accordingly he was set up and struck
at by John Newton at seven shillings six pence per week
art 2^d Voted to renew their call or Invitation to Mr
Nathl. Howe to settle with them in the Ministry
then Voted to Chuse a Committee to Draught a Call
to Mr Howe
then Voted that the Committee Consist of five persons
accordingly Chose Col. Ward, Major Champrney
Elijah Brigham, Nathan Briggs & Mark Collins for
the Committee to make Report at the adjournment
of this meeting
then Voted to adjourn this Meeting until Monday
Next at 4 o'clock P.M. at 4 o'clock Elijah Brigham M.
Monday Aug 17 1789

art 2^d the Town Met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded
to hear the Report of the Committee for draughting a Call to Mr. Howe
then Voted to ad 2 Cords of wood then Voted to acquiesce in the same
then Voted to allow him 10 Cords of wood
then the report had a second reading and a Vote tried
and it pas'd in the affirmative by a Majority of 60
for - and 11 against then Voted to Chuse a Committee
to Exhibit the Call to Mr. Howe then Voted that
the Committee Consist of 2 persons then Chose Lt.
Herchiah Lacy & M^r. N. Bridges for that purpose
Turn over

Thus Voted to Reconsider the Vote to send two and
send but one — then Voted to Dissolve the
Meeting attest, Elijah Brigham Moderator

Southboro Augt. 17th 1839
The Town Met agreeable to a warrant for
that purpose and Proceeded to act as follows
viz
on art. 1. made choice of M^r. Brigham Moderator
on art. 2. Voted to Direct the Treasurer
to procure the Money on the respective mon-
nysable and pay the debt —
Thus Voted to ~~adjourn~~ Dissolve the Meeting
attest Elijah Brigham M

at 7th Voted To Leave the Matter of Supply-
ing the Putpit to the Committee for that
purpose To act their Discretion

at 8th Voted To Give the Widow Satter 7 1/2 Cords
of Fir wood the Present year Including the 1/2
Cord she has already Recd by the hand of Joseph
Onthank then the remaining Six Cords was set
up at Vendue to the lowest bidder and it was
struck off to Samuel Chamberlain for 8/0 ~~per~~
per Cord

Then Voted To reconsider the Vote that Passed
in the negative on the 4th article

Then Voted to Adjourn the meeting Till Monday
next at one O'clock after noon

Attest Elijah Brigham M^r

Southborough Dec^r 28th 1789 The Town being
Met Agreable To the Adjournment Proceeded
To act as followeth viz

on or at 4th Voted To Chuse Capt Gates of Marlborough as
Committee to Apprise the Several School Housen
in this Town

Then Voted to Chuse one man out of Each Squadron
To go with Capt Gates and shal hire the Several
School Housen then Chose Nathan Briggs Ezra Taylor
Capt Simons & Elijah Brigham
Then Voted to Dissolve the meeting attest E. Brigham M^r

March 5th of 1790 agreeable to the 14th articles in
a Warrant for holding a Town meeting. Voted
and Granted to Mr. Richard Richards of Lighten
Bunds for his extraordinary Services as Constable
in the year 1789 also March 5th of 1790 agreeable
to the 14th article in a Warrant for a Town Meeting the
Town Voted to Grant to Mr. Richards the Sum of
Three pounds Seven Shillings for to pay the Cost
of a Statute Book a true Copy of Records

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Southborough May 1790

W^m Montague T. Clerk

Southborough Dec^r 21st 1789

The Town being agreeable to the warrant
Proceeded to act as followeth (viz)

ar^t. 1 Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator

ar^t. 2 Voted To Leave the Matter Respecting
Andrew Newton to the Select men

ar^t. 3 Voted to Leave the matter Respecting
Abraham Newton to the Overseers of the
Poor —

ar^t. 4th Put in the Negative

ar^t. 5th Voted To Discontinue that part of the
Town Road on Matthews Hill so called that
Abijah Gale has got within his Fence on the
Southeasterly Side of the County Road as the
Fence now stand, and Make Sale of the Same
to him the said Gale his heirs and assigns
for ever for the sum of Nine Shillings —
Lawsfull Money —

Also Voted To Give David Fay After the Rate
of three Pounds per Acre ^{for} the Land the Town
Took from him to Make out the County Road
on Matthews Hill so called —

ar^t. 6 Voted To Chose George Brigham a Committee
To Repair the windows in the Meeting house
in Southbor^o —

Evermore

July 8 1791

read in full at the next John Richman

Office

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Southboro. Sept 29th 1790

The Town met agreeable to a Warrant for
that purpose and Proceeded to act as follows
viz 1st Chose W^m Brigham Moderator

(2) M^r Wheeler offerd the Town 5 Dollars
on the 1000 and 1 Dollar for 16th news
Ans: Mo the Town Vote was tryd and
it was a tie

then Voted to take 5th Dollars on 1000 ^{the}
Then Voted to chuse a Committee to Regu-
late the Sale of the money

then Voted to chuse a Committee of 3 -
Parataylor Col Nixon Nathan Elijah
Brigham Nathan Bridges - and
Mark Collins Jrⁿ for there Committee
and to Report at the Next Meeting

Then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting
attest W^m Brigham M^d

Recorded

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Southbro Septem^r 6th 1790

The Town being mett agreeable to a Warrant for that
purpose proceeded to act as follows viz —

- 1 Chose Elijah Brigham Moderator —
- 2 Voted to pass over the second article for present —
- 3^d the Agents for said Town ^{meeting} reported and it was
accepted they produced a Vote from Cary the
- 4th Voted to pass over this article finally —
- 5 Voted to Chose some person to Repair the Church
and make it look as the Law requires — — —
then made Chose of Daniel Johnston for that
purpose —
- 6 Voted to sel the old Continental Money at
26¢ on 1000 Dollars

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting until
the first Monday in October next at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Elijah Brigham Atty.

Southbro Oct^r 4th 1790 — The Town
Met agreeable to adjournment and proceeded
to act as follows viz on Art. 2^d Voted to
Reconsider the Vote for selling the old Continen-
tal money at 26¢ a 1000

Voted to submit the matter respecting the money
to the Committee Chosen for that purpose —
then Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

Attest Elijah Brigham Moderator

Southboro Dec: 13th 1790 The Town Met agree
able to a Warrant for that purpose and Proceeded
to act viz

On Art 1st Chose Mr. Elijah Brigham Moderator

Art 2^d Voted to pass over this article for the present

Art 3^d Granted to Nath: Bridges £0. 13. 8

Granted to Mark Collins and others

Committee for repairs at the Meeting house £9. 10. 2

Art (4) Voted to Grant the Wido. Deliverance Satter 5
Cords of pine wood Including what she has had -

On Art (2) the Town Voted that they was ready to join with
the Church in giving M: Sam: Sumner a Call
to settle in the ministry in this Town.

Then Voted to chuse a committee to consist of 7
Persons to Draft Proposals of Settlement
and Draught a call & then Chose Col. Word
Elijah Brigham Capt Newton Jonas Ball
Ch: Nixon Deem: Gay Ezra Taylor be a Committee
for the above purpose and Voted that the above
Committee Report at the adjournment of this Meeting

on Art (4) then Set the Wood Granted to the Widow Satter to the
Lowest Bidder Struck off to Maj: Champney 64/9

then Voted to adjourn this Meeting until
next Monday Attest Elijah Brigham Mr.

Southboro Dec: 20th 1790 The Town being Met
according to adjournment and Proceeded to act

(2) as follows (viz) — the Committee for Draughting
a Call to M: Sam: Sumner Informed the Town that
they were ready to Report accordingly they Reported
by Reading the proposals as set forth in the Call
Refer and there to being had it was mov: & Seconded to
see if the Town will accept of the report of the Committee
and the house was divided on the Motion and it was Voted by
a Great Majority 46 in favour and 13 against it.
then it was mov: & Seconded to chuse a Committee to present
the Call to M: Sumner and it was Voted

then Voted to Chuse 3 persons to present it then Chose

Col^d Ward

Des^r Fay

Des^r Chamberlain

1790

then Chose

Capt. Newton in his stead

Then Voted to adjourn this Meeting until the first Monday in February at 1 o'clock P.M. at this place

Attest Elijah A. S^d

Feb^y 7th 1791 The Town being well agreeable to adjourn
proceed to act as followeth viz

art^l 2^d Voted to make an Addition to the encouragement offered to m^r.
Sam^l Sumner to settle in the work of the ministry in
said Town.

Then voted to chuse a Committee of three persons to deal with
m^r. Sumner — Then Chose Cap^t Newton Nathan Briggs
Dea^y Herveiah Fay

art^l 3^d Voted to Elijah Brigham — L^d 10-11
granted to Stephen Bellows — 0-6-0

art^l 2 Voted to act to the Settlement offer^d to m^r. Sumner the
sum of £20

Then Vote to adjourn this meeting untill monday next at
this place at one o'clock P.M.

Elijah Brigham Mod^r

